

RANGER & REVIEW

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Mr. Greg Davis
Brownfield Program Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Mr. Davis,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I request that a copy of the following documents or documents containing the following information be delivered to me as soon as possible:

Results of the Brownfield Assessment study that was conducted on behalf of or in coordination with Samco Hotels, Inc. dba the Jordan Inn, the Glendive Inn or similar. The assessment was conducted in Glendive, Montana in 2019.

The requested information was generated utilizing resources and agencies supported by federal, state and local tax dollars. My purpose in requesting the information is to serve the public interest due to potentially significant public health, safety and economic implications of the property involved. Disclosure of the study results are likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of the potential community risks that these buildings pose and is not primarily in my commercial interest. The establishments have been closed for several years due to health code violations. Evidence of decay – including the roosting of pigeons inside the building and obvious physical deterioration – are easily observable to passersby, however the true extent of the damage is not known to the public. The buildings are located in the center of the downtown business district.

In order to help determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with the Glendive Ranger-Review newspaper, and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Hunter Herbaugh

Reporter

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